

## Some things a baby with normal speech, language, and hearing should be able to do.

### Birth to 3 Months

- Blinks or jumps when there is a sudden loud sound
- Quiets or smiles when spoken to
- Makes sounds like “ohh” and “ahh”

### 4 to 6 Months

- Looks for sounds with eyes
- Uses many sounds, squeals, and chuckles
- Makes different sounds when excited or angry

### 7 Months to 1 Year

- Turns head toward loud sounds
- Understands “no-no” or “bye-bye”
- Babbles, for example “baba,” “mamma,” “gaga”
- Repeats simple words and sounds you make
- Correctly uses “mama” or “dada”
- Responds to singing or music
- Points to favorite toys and objects when asked

**If you have questions about your baby's hearing or this list, talk with your baby's doctor.**

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## Where can I get more information?

Call the Washington State Department of Health at 206-418-5613, or visit us online: [www.doh.wa.gov/ehddi](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehddi)

### Your baby's hearing test results

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Baby's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Time

\_\_\_\_\_  
Birthing Facility

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tester's Name

Right Ear: ☐ PASS      Left Ear: ☐ PASS  
☐ REFER                      ☐ REFER

**If your baby did not pass the hearing test, the appointment below has been made for your baby's next hearing test.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date and Time

\_\_\_\_\_  
Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**Please call if you need to reschedule.**



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# Can Your Baby Hear?

## Your Baby's First Hearing Test





## Why should my baby's hearing be tested?

- Most babies can hear well at birth, but a few do not.
- All babies are tested to make sure they are hearing normally.
- It is important to find hearing loss as soon as possible. If hearing loss is found early, it is easier for babies to learn.
- There are many ways to help your baby right away if hearing loss is found.

## Make sure your baby's hearing is tested before you leave the hospital.



## What should I know about newborn hearing testing?

- The test is safe, painless and can be done in about 10–20 minutes.
- Most babies sleep through the test.
- An infant with a hearing loss may cry or appear to respond to sounds just like babies with normal hearing. Only a hearing test can tell you if your baby has a hearing loss.



## Why do some babies not pass the hearing test?

- Some babies may need another test because:
  - Fluid in the ear
  - Noise in the test room
  - Baby was moving a lot
  - Baby has hearing loss
- Most babies who need another test have normal hearing. Some will have hearing loss.

**If your baby does not pass the hearing test, make sure he or she is tested again as soon as possible.**



## Can a newborn baby pass the hearing test and still have a hearing loss?

- Yes, some babies hear well enough to pass the first test, but lose their hearing later because of:
  - Some illnesses
  - Some medicines
  - Some injuries
  - A family history of hearing loss
- Watch for signs of hearing loss as your baby grows.
- Use the list on the back cover as a guide.





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